

### Appendix

[0009] The entire disclosure of U.S. Utility Application Serial No. 09/935,634, entitled "Systems and Methods for Converting Infected Electronic Files to a Safe Format," **and** filed on August 24, 2001 [the same day as the present application, and bearing Attorney Docket No. NTKW017/00US] is hereby incorporated by reference. Figure 1 illustrates a network 100 that may be operated in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention, and Figure 2 illustrates a flow chart of an exemplary method of the present invention. As illustrated in Figure 1, the network 100 includes a first network 118a connected to a second network 118b, and a plurality of computers 110a, 110b, 110c, 110d that send and receive electronic files to and from each other. The computers 110a and 110b reside on the first network 118a, while the computers 110c and 110d reside on the second network 118b. The first network 118a enables communication amongst the computers 110a, 110b and a server computer 122a, and the second network 118b enables communication amongst the computers 110c, 110d, a server computer 122b, and a gateway computer 120. The networks 118a, 118b include any wired or wireless transmission channels having any number of servers, computers, routers, switches, bridges, etc, and may also include one or more interconnecting networks.